

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday March 18th 2007

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The team is now fully set up having arrived from various routes. All antennas are up and are currently being tested. During the tests, the team worked Dave EI3IO and Dick GI3OQR. The team have also been QRV using EME on 144.112 MHz as 3DA0HL. Online logs will be uploaded to the web site and up to date information can be found on www.irts.ie/afri75

IRTS 75th Annual General Meeting

Arrangements are well in hand for the Society's 75th Annual General Meeting to be held at the Vienna Woods Hotel in Cork on Sunday April 22nd. The weekend celebrations will follow the usual format with the 75th Jubilee Dinner being held on the Saturday night. Tickets prices have been maintained at last years level and are great value at only 30 Euro. Several high profile international guests will attend the dinner and AGM and included are Dave Sumner K1ZZ, Secretary of the International Amateur Radio Union and C.E.O. of the ARRL, the American National Society. Also joining us will be the Chairman of Region 1 IARU Ole Garpestad LA2RR and the Presidents of several other sister national societies in Region 1.

The Committee is obliged by rule to nominate members for the positions of President, Vice President and eleven committee positions. These nominations will be carried in the upcoming issue of Echo Ireland. This does not preclude other nominations for any of the positions and further nominations must be made to the Secretary within fourteen days of receiving the committee's lists of nominations. Members should read rule 23 covering nominations for office.

The Society has several awards for honouring members who have excelled in some aspect of the hobby. Nominations for these awards are now being sought and should be forwarded to the Awards Manager, Peter Grant EI4HX. Members in possession of trophies since last years AGM are requested to arrange for their return to EI4HX or any committee member as soon as possible. The AGM rally will be held on Sunday April 22nd at the Vienna Woods Hotel and requests for tables should be directed to Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574. There will be no charge for tables, which will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

YI Amateur Radio Activity QRT

The ARRL web site is reporting that Amateur Radio activity in Iraq has been shut down. Iraq Amateur Radio Society (IARS) President Diya Sayah, YI1DZ informed the ARRL that all Amateur Radio activity in Iraq has been suspended until the security situation there improves. The suspension of activity affects both Iraqi citizens as well as any foreigners including military personnel and contractors who have been on the air from Iraq.

Rallies

On Saturday the 24th of March, the Lagan Valley Amateur Radio Society holds its rally in Lagan Valley Hospital, Lisburn, Co. Antrim. Doors open at 11.30. The date of the Lough Erne Amateur Radio Show has been changed to Sunday the 22nd of April at the Share Centre Lisnaskea Co. Fermanagh.

Theory Examination

The next Theory Examination for the Experimenters Licence will be held on Thursday the 28th of June next. Places for the examination are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. In order to reserve a place for the exam, intending candidates should forward the appropriate fee to Seán Nolan EI7CD, 12 Little Meadow, Pottery Road Dunlaoghaire, Co. Dublin. The fee is 50 Euro or 25 Euro for full time registered students, those who are retired, are unemployed or have a disability. In addition to the exam centre at the ComReg offices in Dublin, consideration will be given to holding an examination on the same date and with the same paper at a location that would suit those at present attending the classes in Cork and Waterford subject to there being sufficient candidates and to a suitable venue being made available locally.

The closing date for the examination is the 16th of June and it will be strictly adhered to. Sean EI7CD's address again is 12 Little Meadow, Pottery Road, Dunlaoghaire, Co. Dublin and it can be found in the call book section of the IRTS website at www.irts.ie Sean's e-mail address for further enquiries is "ei7cd at gofree dot indigo dot ie".

South Dublin Radio Club

The Annual General Meeting of South Dublin Radio Club was held on Tuesday last the 13th of March. During the review of last year's activities, particular note was made

of the theory classes run throughout the year by Michael Friary, resulting in many new licensees among the club membership. Following the review of 2006, there was a lively discussion on plans for 2007. These plans include participation in a number of contests (including CW Field Day and IOTA) as well as training events for club members.

The committee elected for the next year was as follows: Chairman is Tom McGrath EI7HT, Secretary is Daniel Cussen EI9FHB, Treasurer is Paul Eustace EI2GSB and other committee members are Mark Condon EI6JK, Jim Armstrong EI8JR, Tony Ryan EI6JT and Terry Webb EI4GLB.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

A draw will take place at the general meeting on Wednesday the 28th of March next. One winner will be "drawn from a hat" and the person whose name is drawn will win a pair of tickets to the IRTS AGM Dinner including overnight accommodation for two in the Vienna Woods Hotel. There are no tickets and no cost to entering. In order to be eligible for automatic entry to the draw, your membership subscription for 2007 must be fully paid up at or before the meeting on Wednesday the 28th.

George Stritch Memorial Shield

Johnny Maloney EI 1CY has recently been awarded the Fingal Radio Club 'George Stritch Memorial Shield'. This shield is awarded to a fellow Fingal Radio Club member who in the eyes of fellow members has excelled throughout the past year in their services to the Club or indeed to Amateur Radio in general.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to "news at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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